(e) Steps taken for improvement in production from underground mines include scientific mining of coal, picking of stones/shale pieces during loading of coal to Railway wagons, installation of Coal Handling Plants (CHP) for mechanised loading of proper quality of coal, segregation of extraneous material, and installation of washeries for both coking and non-coking coal etc.

Surajkund Swing Tragedy

3490. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Surajkund swing tragedy on 11th February have resulted in three deaths and sixteen seriously injured;

(b) whether there are some regulations which are applicable to such swings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether in the instant case these were followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per the report received from the Government of Haryana, four persons died and 11 persons were injured in the Surajkund swing tragedy. During investigation, the District Police of Faridabad has reached the conclusion on the basis of its technical report that at the time of the mishap, the swing was being operated by one Mr. Javed as the trained operator Mr. Iqbal, was on leave. Mr. Javed shifted the movement of the swing from the first gear to the fourth gear directly which broke the shaft of the swing and caused the mishap. The owner and the contractor of the swing, namely Raj son of Shri Noor Mohammed, Shri Javed, Shri Jawahar and Shri Ayub were arrested within 24 hours of the mishap.